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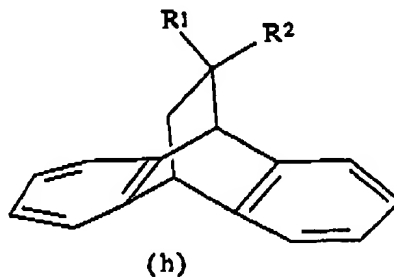
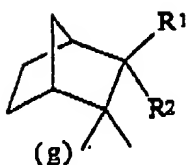
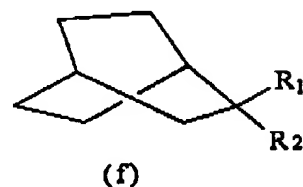
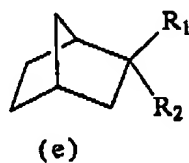
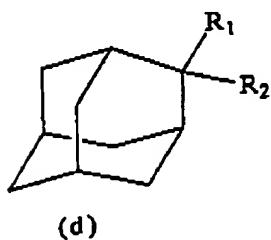
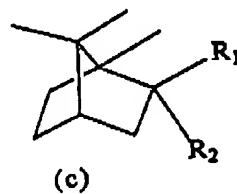
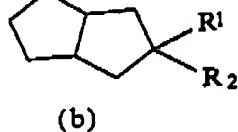
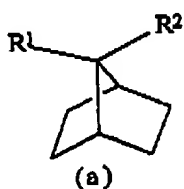
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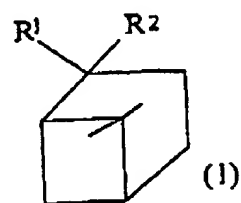
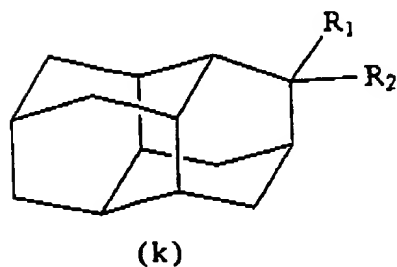
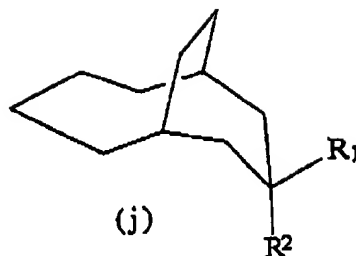
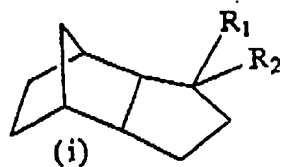
IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-33 (Canceled).

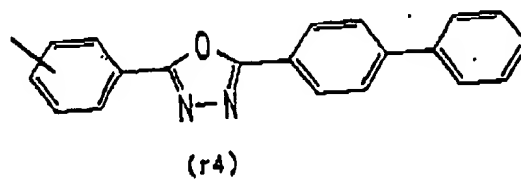
Claim 34 (New): An electro luminescent element comprising at least one organic compound layer between electrodes, wherein at least one said organic compound layer comprises a condensed ring compound derivative represented by one of the following chemical formulae, (a) to (1):



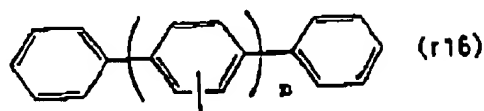
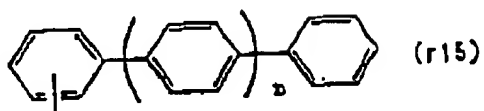
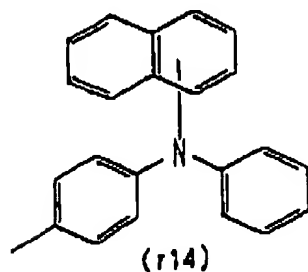
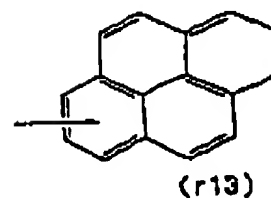
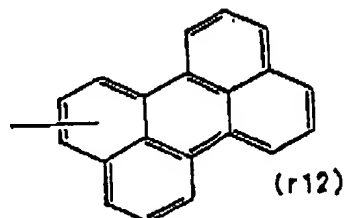
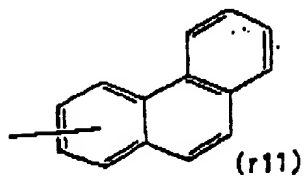
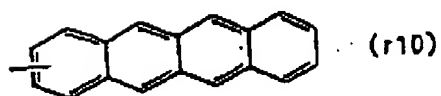
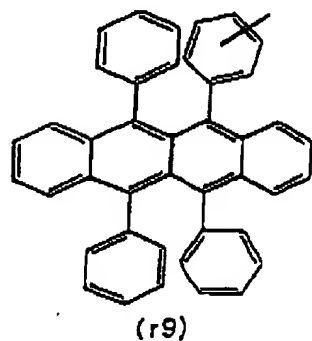
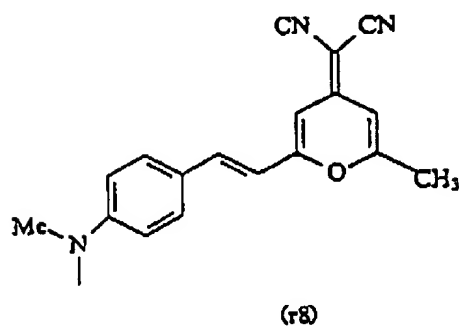
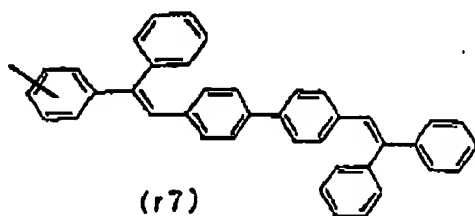
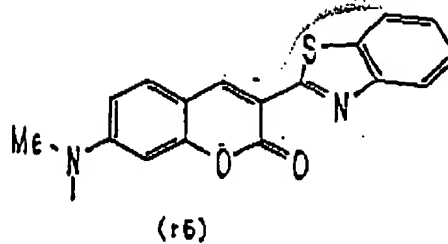
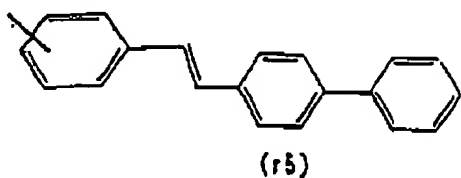
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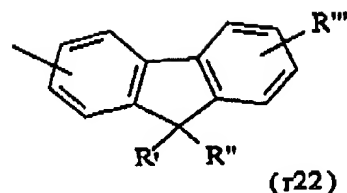
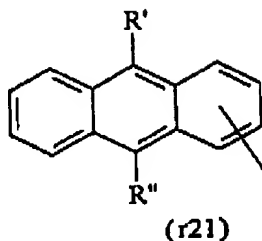
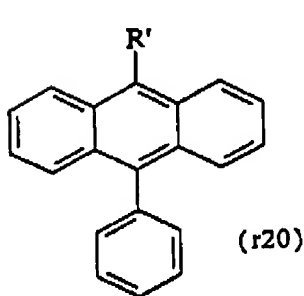
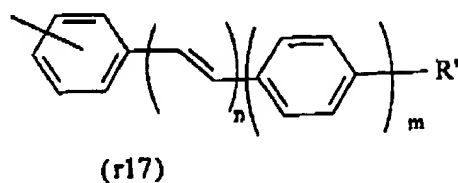
wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  individually and independently represents a functional unit represented by one of the chemical formulae, (r4) to (r17) or (r20) to (r22):



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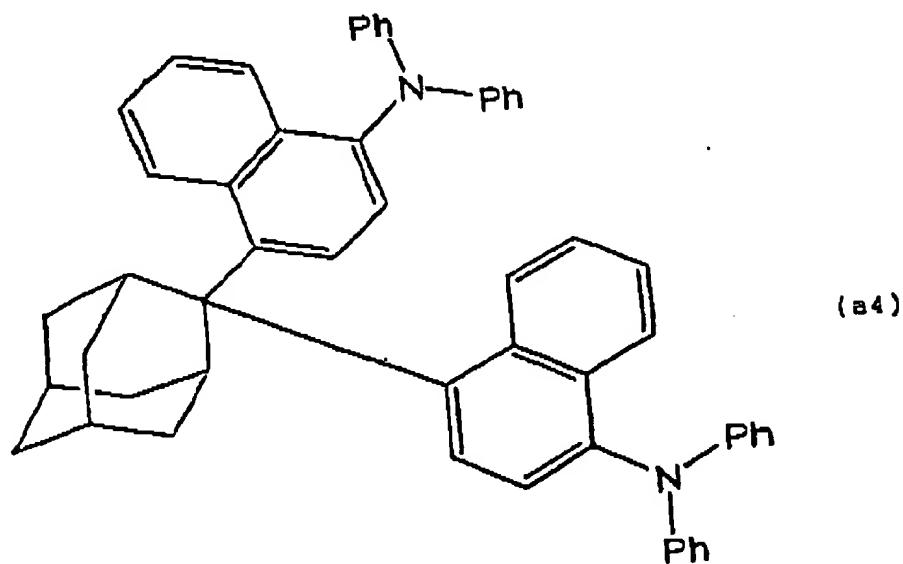


wherein  $n$  and  $m$  represent positive integers, and  $R'$ ,  $R''$  and  $R'''$  individually and independently represent saturated hydrocarbon from  $C_1$  through  $C_{30}$  or an aromatic group.

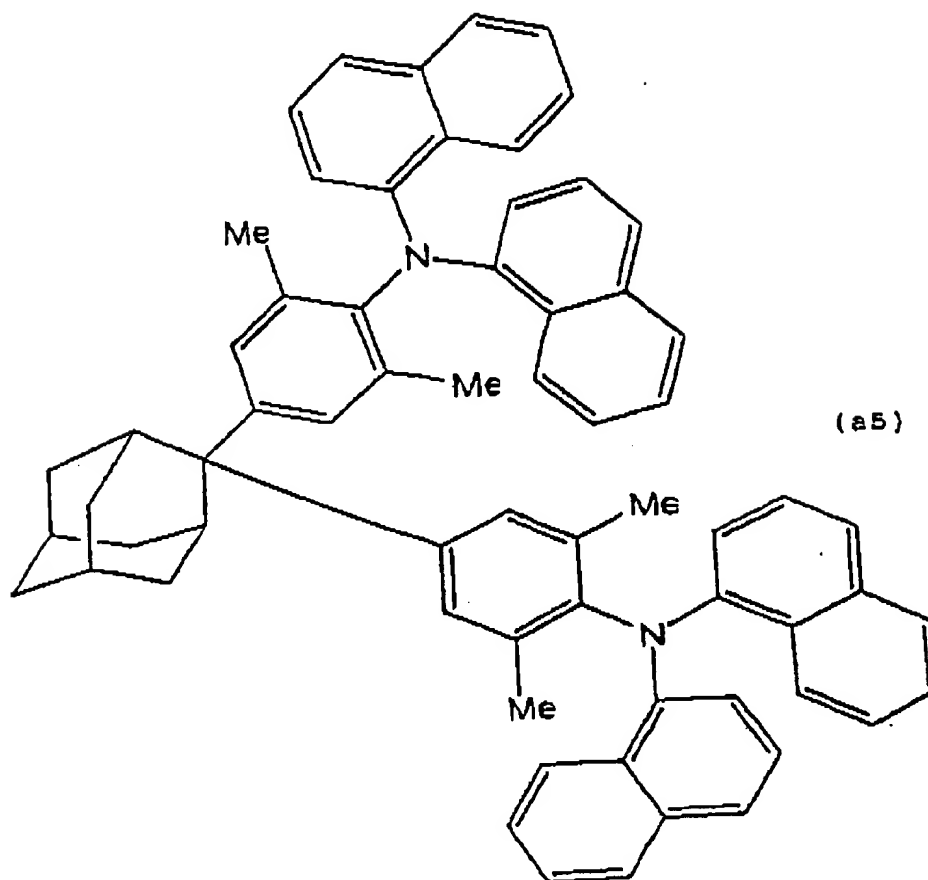
Claim 35 (New): An electro luminescent element according to claim 34, wherein  $R'$ ,  $R''$  and  $R'''$  individually and independently are selected from the group consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, indenyl, fluorenyl, phenanthryl, anthranyl, pyrenyl, chrysenyl, naphthacenyl, benzophenanthrenyl, furanyl, thiophenyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, furazanyl, pyridyl, oxazyl, morpholyl, thiazyl, pyridazyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazyl, triazyl, benzofuryl, isobenzofuryl, benzothiophenyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoimidazolyl, chromenyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, cinnolyl, phthalazyl, quinazolyl, quinoxalyl, dibenzofuril, carbazolyl, xanthenyl, acridinyl, phenanthridinyl, phenanthryl, phenaziny, phenoxazinyl, thianthrenyl, indoliziny, quinoliziny, naphthyridinyl, purinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxathiazolyl, and combinations thereof.

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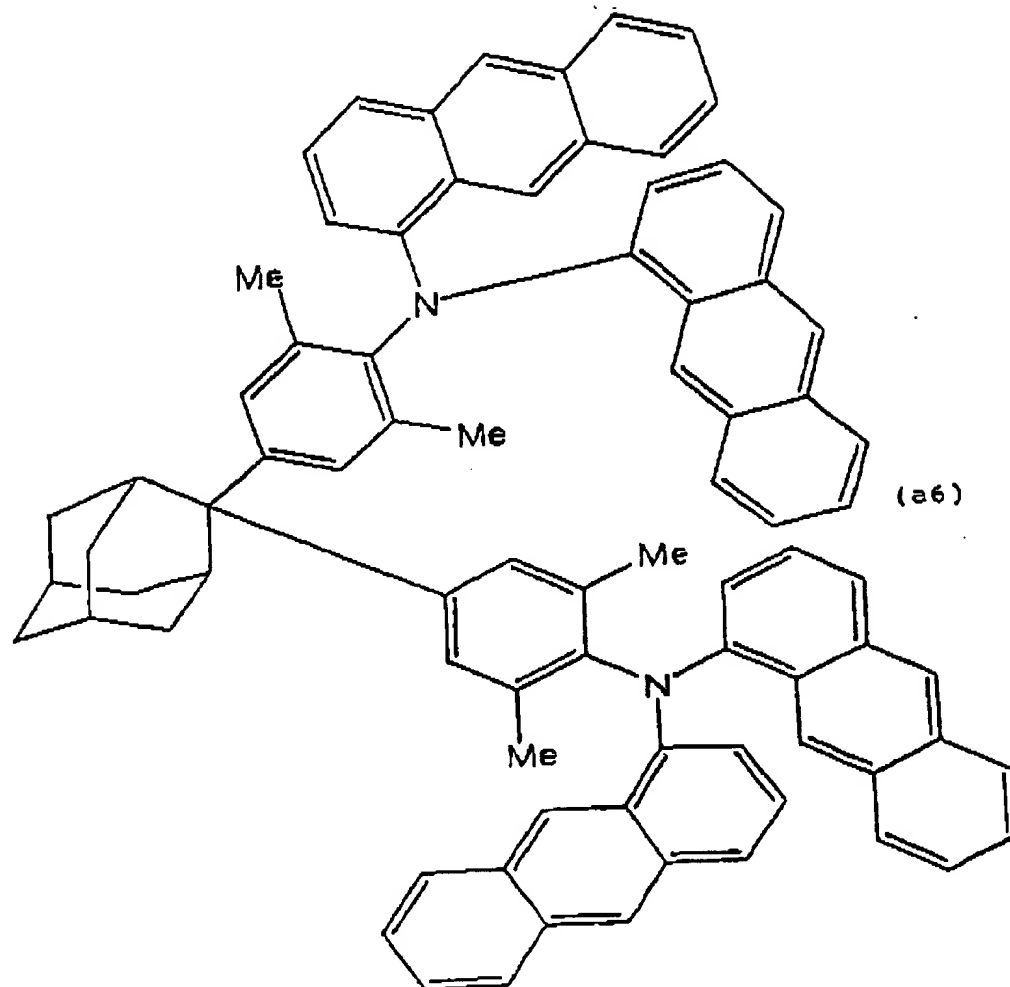
Claim 36 (New): An electro luminescent element comprising at least one organic compound layer between electrodes, wherein, at least one said organic compound layer comprises an adamantane derivative represented by one of the following chemical formulae (a4) to (a11) or (a13):



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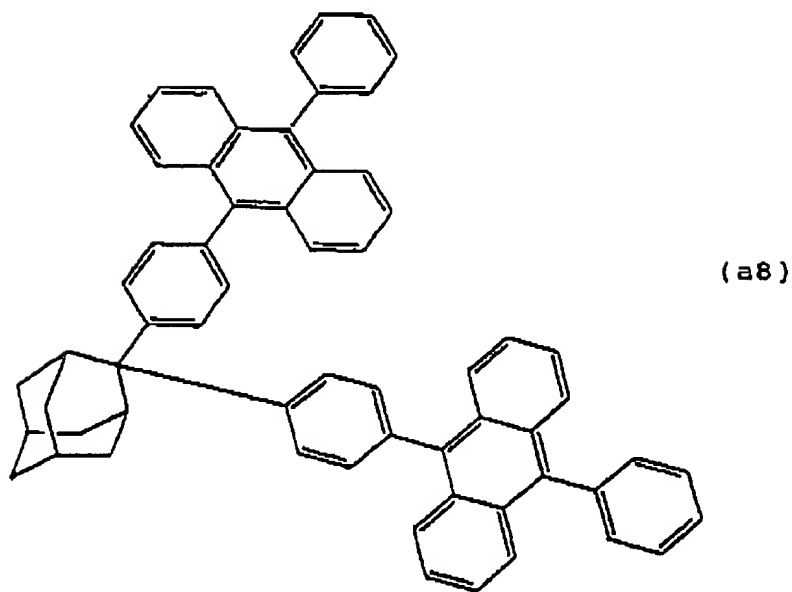
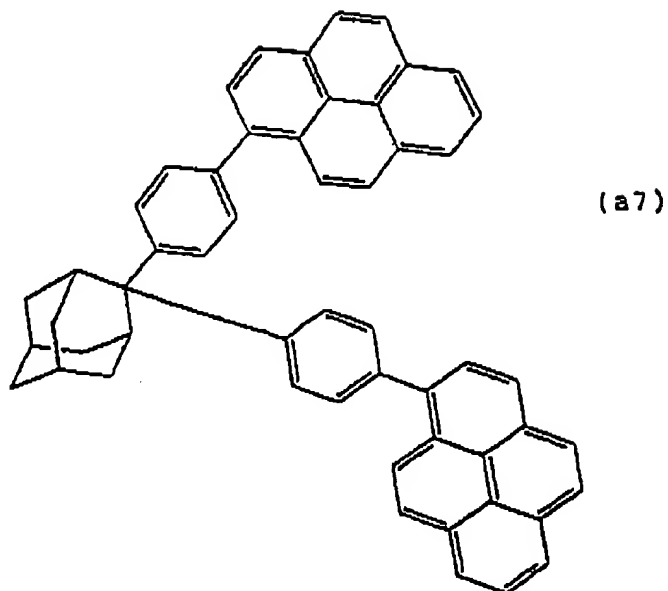


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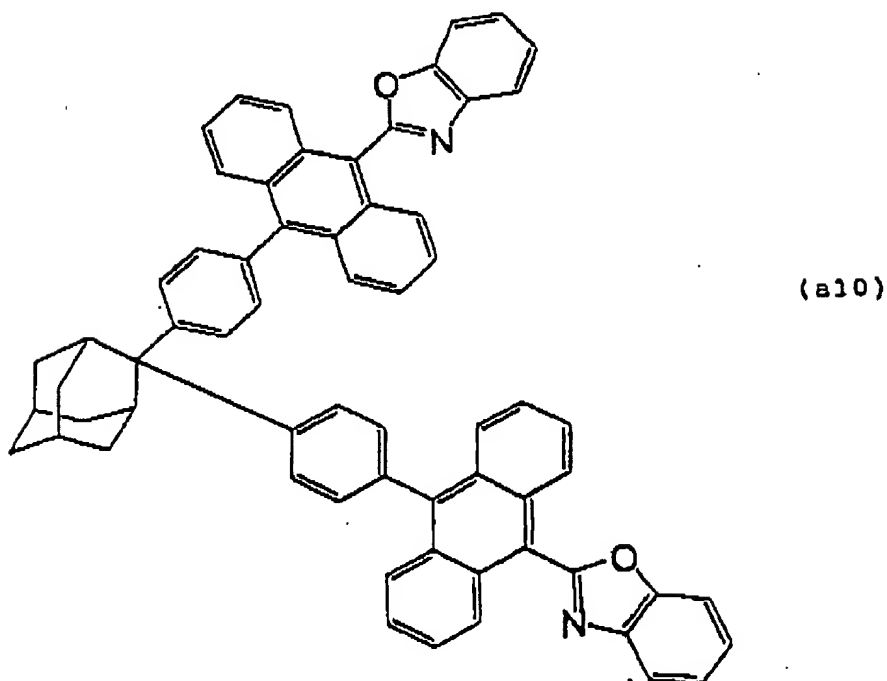
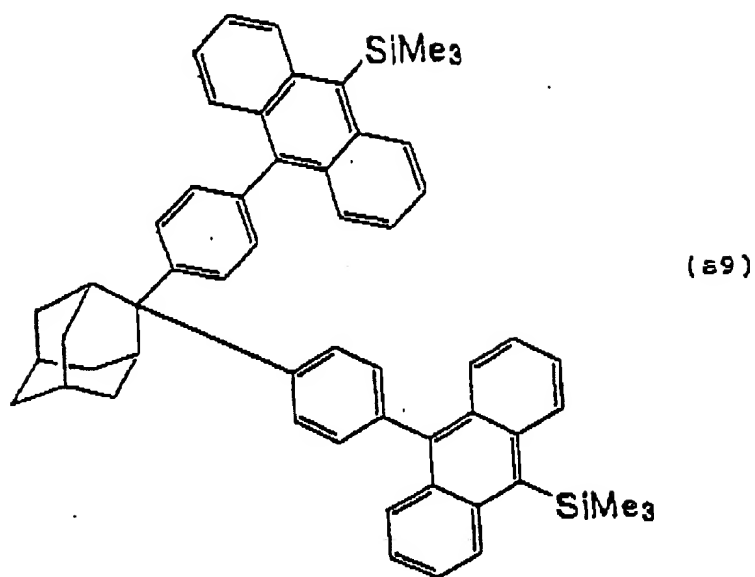




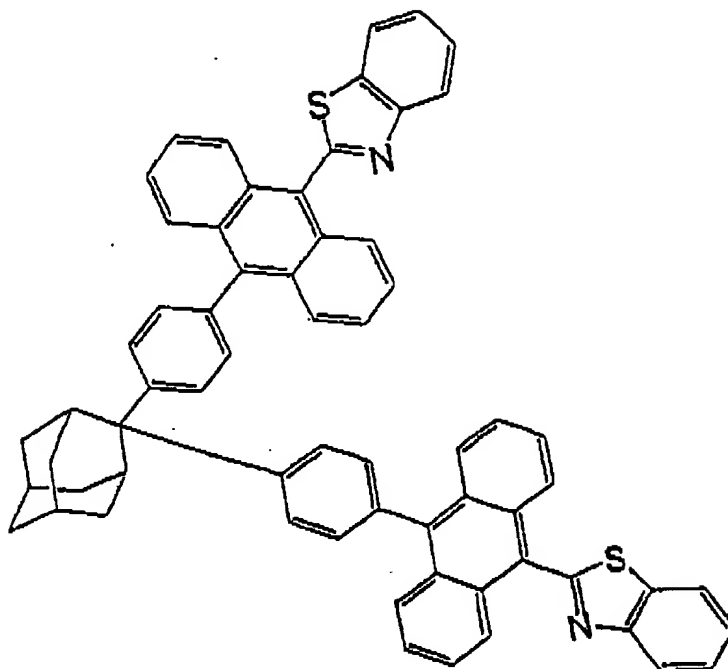
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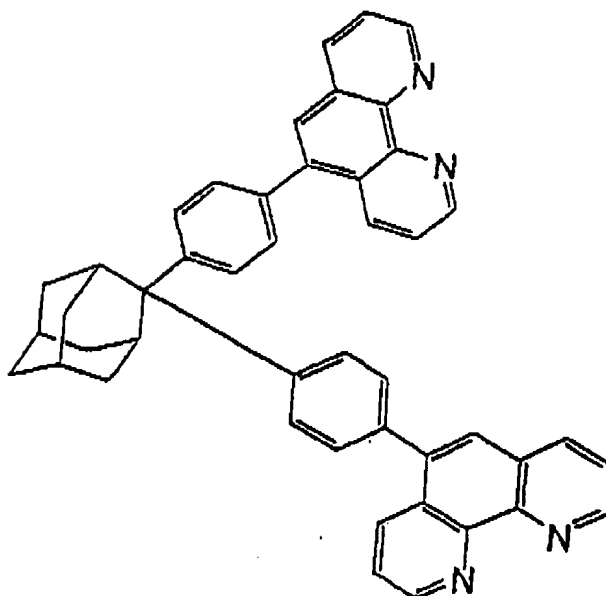
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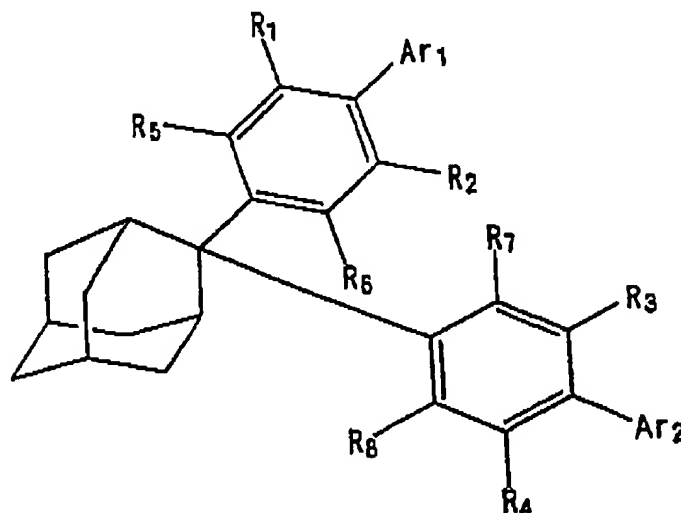
(a11)



(a13)

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Claim 37 (New): An electro luminescent element comprising at least one organic compound layer between electrodes, wherein,  
at least one said organic compound layer comprises an adamantane derivative represented by the chemical formula:



in which each of R<sub>1</sub> through R<sub>8</sub> represent substituents including hydrogen, and Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> represent functional units having a substituted or unsubstituted aryl skeleton which is directly bonded to the adamantane derivative, and wherein said organic compound layer has at least one property selected from the group consisting of a hole transporting ability, luminescence, and electron transporting ability.

Claim 38 (New): The electro luminescent element according to Claim 37, wherein said aryl skeleton is selected from the group of consisting of phenyl, naphthyl, and phenanthryl.

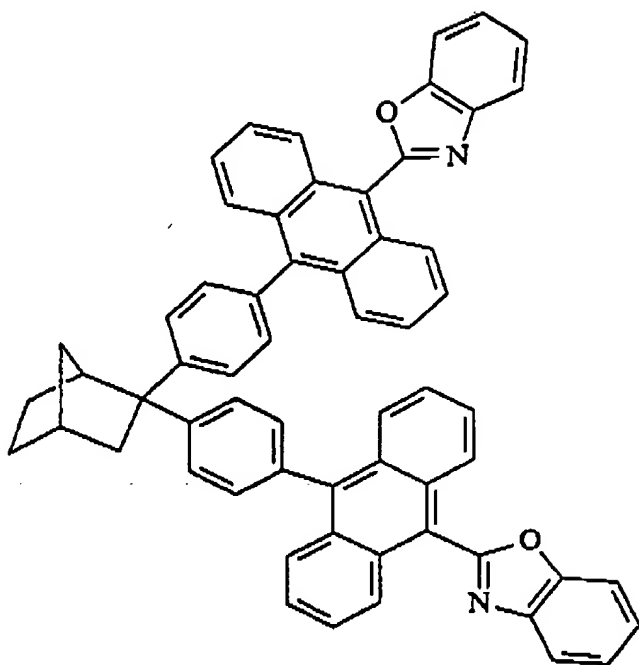
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Claim 39 (New): The electro luminescent element according to Claim 37, wherein each of said functional units Ar1 and Ar2 is substituted by at least one functional group selected from the group consisting of alkyl group, aryl group, allyl group, alkene group, alkyne group, alkoxy group, hydroxy group, thiocarboxy group, dithiocarboxy group, sulfo group, sulfinio group, sulfeno group, oxycarbonyl group, haloformyl group, carbamoyl group, hydrazinocarbonyl group, amidino group, cyano group, isocyano group, cyanato group, isocyanato group, thiocyanato group, isothiocyano group, formyl group, oxo group, thioformyl group, thioxo group, mercapto group, amino group, imino group, hydrazino group, alkoxy group, aryloxy group, sulfide group, halogen, nitro group, and silyl group.

Claim 40 (New): The electro luminescent element according to claim 37, wherein R<sub>1</sub> through R<sub>8</sub> represent substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl group, aryl group, allyl group, alkene group, alkyne group, alkoxy group, hydroxy group, thiocarboxy group, dithiocarboxy group, sulfo group, sulfinio group, sulfeno group, oxycarbonyl group, haloformyl group, carbamoyl group, hydrazinocarbonyl group, amidino group, cyano group, isocyano group, cyanato group, isocyanato group, thiocyanato group, isothiocyano group, formyl group, oxo group, thioformyl group, thioxo group, mercapto group, amino group, imino group, hydrazino group, aryloxy group, sulfide group, halogen, nitro group, and silyl group.

Claim 41 (New): An electro luminescent element comprising at least one organic compound layer between electrodes, wherein at least said one organic compound layer comprises a norbornane derivative represented by the chemical formula (a12):

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(a12)

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DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended by deleting moieties that do not apply from the definition of when R is aromatic. In addition, the name for compound 27, as well as for compounds 21-25 and 28, has been corrected.

Claims 18-33 have been canceled and replaced with new Claims 34-41. Claims 34 and 35 are of the same scope as canceled Claims 18 and 19, respectively. Claim 36 corresponds to canceled Claim 21, except that chemical formulae (a1) to (a3) have been omitted. Claim 37 is identical in scope to canceled Claim 29. Claim 38 is analogous to canceled Claim 23 but depends on new Claim 37. Claim 39 is analogous to canceled Claim 24 but depends on new Claim 37. Claim 40 is identical in scope to canceled Claim 30. Claim 41 is identical in scope to canceled Claim 25.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 34-41 are now pending in the application.